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McCone Reported Choice As New Chief for C. I. A.

*Ex-Chairman of A. E. C.
May Be Named Today
as Dulles' Successor*

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NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 26.—President Kennedy is expected to name John A. McCone tomorrow as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. McCone, a Republican business man, served as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission in the last years of the Eisenhower Administration.

He would succeed Allen W. Dulles, the present director, who is expected to resign.

The President and Mrs. Kennedy arrived here today for a vacation.

Pierre Salinger, the White House press secretary, would not comment at all about the possibility that a director would be named tomorrow.

Mr. Dulles has been head of the agency since 1953.

It has been known that Mr. Dulles, who is 67 years old and has devoted much of his life to intelligence activities for the Government, wants to retire.



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John A. McCone

Pressures for Mr. Dulles' retirement arose after the abortive rebel invasion of Cuba last spring. Within the administration and Congress there has been con-

siderable criticism of the agency handling of the preparations for the invasion.

Mr. McCone, an active Republican, was chairman of the A. E. C. from 1958 to January 1961. He voluntarily left the commission when the Kennedy Administration took on the ground that the new president should have a man of his own choice in the post.

Because of his close attachments to the Republican party, and to former Vice President Richard H. Nixon, Mr. McCone was believed to have been somewhat reluctant to take the intelligence past job under a Democratic Administration.

Democratic Support

Mr. McCone, however, had enthusiastic endorsement from several influential Democrats, including Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Senator Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, both members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

The two Senators are known to have informed the White House of their support for the nomination of Mr. McCone as intelligence director.

As chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. McCone gained a reputation as an energetic, decisive and strong-willed administrator. He also proved politically adept in healing the deep political breach between the commission and Democrats on the Congressional committee.

Within the Eisenhower Administration, Mr. McCone was one of the leading voices warning that the United States could not continue the uninspected moratorium on atomic tests.

Mr. McCone conferred with

President Kennedy at the White House shortly after the Soviet Union resumed nuclear testing on Sept. 1. It is believed that his appointment as intelligence director was raised at the time.

Mr. McCone was in Washington this evening and was expected to fly to Newport tomorrow for the announcement by the President.

Although a steadfast and active Republican, the 59-year-old industrialist has served in previous Democratic administrations. During the Truman Administration he served on the Air Policy Commission, which drafted a long-range report on air power. He also served as Under Secretary of the Air Force from June, 1950, to October, 1951.

During World War II Mr. McCone was head of the California Shipbuilding Corporation, which turned out 467 ships valued at \$1,000,000,000. He has continued active in business on the West Coast as a constructor and operator of a fleet of tankers.

The appointment of Mr. McCone would bring to an end a long Administration search for a successor to Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Dulles first became active in the intelligence field in World War II, when he was made chief of the Office of Strategic Services' operations in Switzerland.

After the war, Mr. Dulles returned to law practice in New York City, but in 1948 he was named chairman of a three-man committee set up to survey the United States intelligence system.

Soon after the late Gen. Walter Bedell Smith became director of the C. I. A. in 1950, Mr. Dulles joined the staff of the agency as one of its top officials.

President Eisenhower named Mr. Dulles, brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, as director in February, 1953.